

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. When strikethrough cannot easily be perceived, or when five or fewer characters are deleted, [[double brackets]] are used to show the deletion. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND claims 18 and 19 in accordance with the following:

1. (Previously Presented) A resin composition comprising (A) 70 to 98% by weight of a polyphenylene ether resin or a mixture of a polyphenylene ether resin and a polystyrene-based resin, (B) 1 to 15% by weight of a hydrogenated product of an aromatic vinyl-conjugate diene block copolymer having an aromatic vinyl content of 50 to 80% by weight, and (C) 1 to 15% by weight of a hydrogenated product of an aromatic vinyl-isoprene block copolymer having an aromatic vinyl content of 15 to 45% by weight, wherein isoprene blocks in the aromatic vinyl-isoprene block copolymer (C) have a total amount of 1,2- and 3,4-vinyl bonds of 35% or more.

2. (Original) The resin composition according to claim 1, wherein the polyphenylene ether resin has a weight-average molecular weight of from 8,000 to 80,000 and a molecular weight distribution of from 2.0 to 3.0.

3. (Withdrawn) The resin composition according to claim 1, wherein component (A) is a mixture of a polyphenylene ether resin and a polystyrene-based resin.

4. (Withdrawn) The resin composition according to claim 3, wherein the polystyrene-based resin is a resin comprising a conjugate diene polymer or a conjugate diene-aromatic vinyl block copolymer, having grafted thereto an aromatic vinyl chain, wherein the content of the conjugate diene is from 1 to 20% by weight, and the average dispersed particle size is from 0.5 to 3.0 micrometers.

5. (Withdrawn) The resin composition according to claim 4, wherein the conjugate diene has a 1,4-bond amount of 90% or more.

6. (Withdrawn) The resin composition according to claim 3, wherein the polystyrene-based resin has a weight-average molecular weight of from 170,000 to 400,000, and a molecular weight distribution of from 1.5 to 3.5.

7. (Original) The resin composition according to claim 1, wherein the aromatic vinyl-conjugate diene block copolymer (B) has a hydrogenation degree of 20% or more.

8. (Original) The resin composition according to claim 1, wherein the aromatic vinyl-conjugate diene block copolymer (B) has a hydrogenation degree of 50% or more.

9. (Original) The resin composition according to claim 1, wherein the aromatic vinyl-isoprene block copolymer (C) has a hydrogenation degree of 80% or more.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Original) The resin composition according to claim 1, wherein isoprene blocks in the aromatic vinyl-isoprene block copolymer (C) have a total amount of 1,2- and 3,4-vinyl bonds of 45% or more.

12. (Original) The resin composition according to claim 1, wherein isoprene blocks in the aromatic vinyl-isoprene block copolymer (C) have a total amount of 1,2- and 3,4-vinyl bonds of 50% or more.

13. (Withdrawn) A resin composition comprising 100 parts by weight of the resin composition according to claim 1 and (D) 0.1 to 5 parts by weight of an α -olefinic copolymer.

14. (Withdrawn) A resin composition comprising 100 parts by weight of the resin composition according to claim 1 and (E) 5 to 25 parts by weight of a polyolefin resin.

15. (Previously Presented) The resin composition according to claim 1, further comprising a heat stabilizer or a coloring pigment.

16. (Previously Presented) A molded article comprising the resin composition according to claim 1 and having a site with a thickness of 2 mm or less.

17. (Original) The molded article according to claim 16, which is to be used for a site which comes into contact with an organic acid ester.

18. (Currently amended) The resin composition according to claim 1, wherein the

aromatic vinyl-conjugate diene block copolymer (B) ~~polystyrene-based resin (B)~~ has an aromatic vinyl content of from 60 to 70% by weight.

19. (Currently amended) The resin composition according to claim 1, wherein the aromatic vinyl-conjugate diene block copolymer (B) ~~polystyrene-based resin (B)~~ is a styrene-butadiene block copolymer.